

through the Empowered to Excel grant program.

Under Mayor Jim Griffin's stewardship, the Hurst-Euleless-Bedford Independent School District Education Foundation has reached new heights, and will continue to help the schools and children throughout their communities for years to come. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Mayor Jim Griffin on his success as Chairman of the HEB ISD Education Foundation.

18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
ART COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young student from my Congressional District, Caden Ferita from Westinghouse Arts Academy.

Caden is the winner of the 2019 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Caden's artwork, an oil painting entitled "René," was selected from a number of outstanding entries in this year's competition. In fact, 28 works from 10 different schools in Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists. It's a real tribute to Ms. Ferita's skill and vision that her work was chosen as the winner of this year's competition.

Ms. Ferita's artwork will represent the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year. I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Ms. Ferita's artwork, along with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other Congressional Districts, which will be on display in the Capitol tunnel. It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

Lillianne Taylor from Pittsburgh CAPA was awarded second place for her multi-media composition "Gabby." Caleb McCoy from Woodland Hills High School received third place for his untitled drawing with marker and pen. Nicholas Altland from Upper St. Clair High School was awarded fourth place for his photograph entitled "Over the Mon," and Hayley Shevitz from Pittsburgh CAPA was awarded fifth place for her charcoal drawing "Mystery-Pop."

Honorable Mention Awards were presented to works by Mackenzie Freed-DePastino from East Allegheny High School, Taya Tassone from East Allegheny High School, Kyrie Allshouse from Pittsburgh CAPA, Francesca Lojacono from Pittsburgh CAPA, and Ashleigh Smith from South Allegheny High School.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year's 18th Congressional District High School Art Competition: Brian Genovesi, Khin Lwin, Anthony Provident, Bethany Rechterik, Bridget Stehle, and Jenna Velgich from Baldwin High School; Ariana Guerra from

Bethel Park High School; Amelia Bademosi from Cornerstone Christian Preparatory Academy; Makenzie Freed-DePastino, Madisyn Montgomery, Marissa Riggs, Mandy Ruffing, and Taya Tassone from East Allegheny High School; Sarah Artuhevich from Penn Hills High School; Kyrie Allshouse, Elais Freeman, Francesca Lojacono, Hayley Shevitz, and Lillianne Taylor from Pittsburgh CAPA; Kaelin Rebholz and Ashleigh Smith from South Allegheny High School; Nicholas Altland and Tori Keller from Upper St. Clair. Caden Ferita, Angelina Kukic, and Pheobe Richardson, from Westinghouse Arts Academy; and Caleb McCoy from Woodland Hills High School.

I would like to thank these impressive young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talent, imagination, and creativity. The efforts these talented students have put into expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are deeply inspiring. I hope that all of them will continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all great success in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE KANSAS
CITY NATIONAL SECURITY CAM-
PUS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the Kansas City National Security Campus (KCNSC), managed by Honeywell FM&T. Since their founding in 1949, KCNSC and Honeywell established a strong presence within our community, fulfilling a national security need while engaging our local workforce. Today, their campus has expanded exponentially to provide quality jobs for over 4,500 members of the Fifth Congressional District.

The Kansas City National Security Campus was created under the direction of then U.S. Senator Harry S. Truman to establish a centralized national defense operation that would be strategically located in the heart of the country—Kansas City. Seven years later, President Truman was pleased to see his vision come true when Kansas City's Bendix Corporation signed the contract to operate the local division of the Atomic Energy Commission. Growing steadily, Bendix expanded to employ 8,301 employees in the Kansas City community by 1963. Bendix became known for providing quality employment options for men and women of diverse backgrounds. As a new resident of Kansas City in 1968, I was actually employed at Bendix myself, so I am especially appreciative to this company for giving me my first opportunity in the city that I have called home for the past fifty years.

Throughout their seventy years in service, KCNSC has consistently paved the way in providing innovative solutions to some of our most pressing challenges. State of the art facilities like the Electrical Products Manufacturing Building and the Flexible Manufacturing System exhibited the foremost technological advances available at the time.

Beginning in 2013, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and Honeywell FM&T contract embarked on one of their largest and most prestigious expansions yet—the

relocation of the KCNSC campus. Since this expansion, the collaboration has remained steadfast as an integral pillar in the community. These \$9 billion facilities have enabled the already thriving KCNSC to expand exponentially, providing secure and highly sought-after jobs to a plethora of Kansas Citians. Since the opening dedication of the new facilities on Botts Road in August 2014, hundreds of employees have been added to the KCNSC family, encouraging economic growth and investment in our city. KCNSC has grown their total staff from 2,500 employees in 2015 to 4,500 employees employed there today. As a testament to KCNSC's continued efficiency, throughout the entire relocation process, the highest standards of both safety and performance were maintained, giving this branch of Honeywell and NNSA national recognition and approval. Their work during the transition was described as "better than flawless" by Plant President Chris Gentile.

Going forward, the KCNSC facility maintains the same standard of excellence and dedication to safety and sustainability as they did in 1949 while providing high quality jobs and employee satisfaction. It brings me great personal pride to have this institution located within our Fifth Congressional District of Missouri.

Madam Speaker, please join me with Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the Kansas City National Security Campus, managed by Honeywell FM&T, for their remarkable achievements in our community and their contributions to the security, safety, and longevity of our nation during the past seventy years.

HONORING NATIONAL ARAB
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize April as National Arab American Heritage Month, a time to honor all of the incredible achievements the Arab American community has made here in America.

For over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture. Since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model citizens and public servants. They brought with them their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy. Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous.

Unfortunately, the history of Arab Americans in the U.S. has been marred by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate speech and violence. As such, Arab American concerns, such as civil rights violations, harmful stereotyping, and bullying must be combatted through education, awareness, and, if necessary our criminal justice system. We must all join together to see a peaceful and diverse

society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe.

Madam Speaker, the substantial contributions and rich cultural heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better, stronger nation for everyone. As someone who represents a significant Arab American population in my district, I am honored to help celebrate and recognize National Arab American Heritage Month here in Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF WILLIAM NATHAN SALIN

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former Indiana Secretary of State, William Nathan Salin who passed away on May 4th. Bill was born in Anderson, Indiana and was a dedicated public servant and lifelong Hoosier who established a community bank creating hundreds of jobs in northern and central Indiana. In addition, Bill worked tirelessly to improve the lives of Indiana students with scholarships he provided to help fund their college education.

Bill's commitment to his community and state was well known. He was the two-time recipient of Indiana's highest honor, receiving the Sagamore of the Wabash award from both Governor Dr. Otis R. Bowen and Governor Edgar D. Whitcomb. Typically, the Sagamore of the Wabash honor is given for wisdom, public commitment, and a concern for the well-being of others.

After graduation from Indiana School of Business in 1954, Bill went on to join the U.S. Army, and the following year married Jane Robertson on June 4, 1955. Bill then earned a law degree from Indiana University, and he and Jane moved to Kendallville, Indiana where he began his professional career as an attorney with the law firm Findlay & Findlay. Later, Bill continued his active community involvement serving as Kendallville City Attorney.

In 1962, Bill and Jane moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana where Bill once again was an active community leader managing Indiana Bank's trust department. In 1968, Bill was elected as Secretary of State serving along with Governor Edgar D. Whitcomb. After completing his service as Secretary of State, Bill returned with his family to Fort Wayne.

In Fort Wayne, Bill continued to practice law at the firm of Kennerk, Dumas, Burke, Backs & Salin. Bill was a member of the Indianapolis, Indiana, and American Bar Associations; Indiana and American Bankers Associations; American Business Club; Economic Club of Indianapolis; Indiana University Varsity Club and of the Well House Society; The Columbia Club; The Indiana Society of Chicago; and The Forum Club of Southwest Florida.

In 1983, Bill founded and was Chairman of Salin Bank & Trust Company, a family owned community bank serving Columbus, Delphi, Edinburgh, Fishers, Flora, Fort Wayne, Galveston, Gas City, Kokomo, Lafayette, Logansport, Marion, West Lafayette, and Indianapolis. Bill and the entire Salin family took great pride in serving Hoosiers and their banking needs. It was during his tenure at the bank that Bill

and his wife Jane established the Salin Family Foundation in order to provide annual scholarships to students to fund their education at colleges and universities in Indiana. In 2018, Salin Bank merged with Michigan City-based Horizon Bank and today Horizon Bank provides community banking services in both Indiana and Michigan.

In addition to Salin Bank & Trust and Salin Bancshares, Inc., Bill served on the boards of several banks and bank holding companies. Bill also served on a number of community and education boards including serving as a Trustee of Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana; a Trustee of the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary at Northwestern University; a member of the Board of the Indiana Historical Society; and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Bill was an active in the United Methodist Church for many years. Together, he and Jane established an endowed scholarship for ministers' children attending Anderson University in Indiana's Fifth Congressional District. In 1997, Bill and Jane served as co-chairs for the capital campaign which raised funds to build the sanctuary at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

Bill was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. One of Bill's favorite places was with his family at Lake Wawasee where he spent 55 years enjoying the outdoors and beautiful lake with Jane and their children and eight grandchildren. The entire family enjoyed many summer days sailing and water skiing at the lake. Bill also enjoyed winter out west, and spent many special days snow skiing with his grandchildren in Beaver Creek, Colorado.

Bill was a leader in Indiana who cared deeply for all the communities both large and small served by Salin Bank. He will be missed by many. I want to extend my most heartfelt condolences to his family in their time of mourning. Bill is survived by his wife of 63 years, Margaret Jane (Robertson); his children Bill II (Peggy), and their children Bill III (Julie), Sophie and Sam; daughter Sherri (Curt) Fritsch and their children Bob and Will; and daughter Susie (Garth) McClain, and their children Charlie, John and Margaret.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JACQUIE
KAUFFMAN GRIBENS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Jacquie Kauffman Gribens, who passed away on May 6, 2019, after a lifetime of public service to her community.

Born in 1966 in Mexico City, Jacquie moved to Massachusetts when she was 14, where she later graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She then earned her law degree from Suffolk Law School in Boston. After meeting her "bashert" Bruce during law school, they spent the next few years travelling around the country. In 2006, the family moved to the Bay Area, where she spent much of her time volunteering for the local public schools and Congregation Rodef Shalom.

Jacquie's life was spent delivering on her strong desire for public service, in particular

for the most vulnerable in her community. Most recently, she did this through her work with Lifehouse; a non-profit that works to improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities. Starting as a volunteer at Lifehouse, Jacquie stepped up to serve on the board of directors in 2014, and then became Board Chair in 2018. She also spent time volunteering for the Marin County Board of Education, where she supervised a grant program to help first-generation students attend four-year colleges.

Jacquie is survived by her husband, Bruce, their three children, Josh, Nick, and Allie, as well as her mother Wanda, sister Michelle and brother-in-law Bruce, and many other family and friends across the world. While she will be greatly missed, Jacquie's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact she had on our community and beyond. Madam Speaker, please join me in offering our sincere condolences to Jacquie Gribens' family and many friends and in appreciating her many good deeds.

RECOGNIZING EVAN MARKS AS
THE CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize yet another exemplary citizen, Evan Marks, as my Constituent of the Month for May. Each month, it's my pleasure to recognize residents of the 49th District who have gone above and beyond to make our community stronger, and Evan has done just that as the Founder and Executive Director of The Ecology Center in San Juan Capistrano.

At The Ecology Center, Evan and his team turned a vacant lot into an educational space, featuring a vibrant farm, kitchen, and artisan goods store where they teach community members about the importance of sustainable living practices. With roughly 70,000 visitors per year, The Ecology Center is a critical resource for our community that shows people how to save water, grow healthy food, and produce goods with a minimal impact on our environment.

Evan's work is imperative as we confront the dangerous impact that climate change is having on our planet. Just this week, the United Nations released a landmark report that found the health of the planet's ecosystems deteriorating rapidly, with over one million species of plants and animals on the path toward extinction due to human actions. However, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Chair, Sir Robert Watson, highlighted that "it is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global." That is exactly what Evan and The Ecology Center inspire us to do, to take action at the local level that will help protect our planet for future generations.

I am proud to represent a community that recognizes the impact we have on our environment and knows we are all responsible for combatting climate change. Evan and all of the dedicated staff at The Ecology Center have led by example and made an extraordinarily positive impact on the region. I am